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TOWN OF MIDDLETON NEW HAMPSHIRE

Sunrise Lake Village District and Middleton School District

For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1996

With much appreciation and many thanks, we would like to take this opportunity to thank the following people, for their donated time and services towards the new Municipal Building.

Paul Bourque
Robert Bruedle
Mary and Perley Lee
John Mammone
Susan McLendon
Keith Mitchell
Al Poulin
Barry Reynolds
David Reynolds
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Kenneth Whitten
and the
Building Committee

A special thanks to the Highway Department for their help and support, for without them we would not have been able to complete the building.

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MIDDLETON TOWN OFFICIALS 1996

ELECTED OFFICIALS

		TERM EXPIRES
Town Moderator	Don E. Leeman	1998
Selectmen	Robert W. Bruedle	1999
	Roy T. Snyder	1997
	Keith R Mitchell	1998
Town Clerk	Star V. Snyder	1998
Treasurer	Paula S. Larson	1998
Tax Collector	Susan D. H. McLendon	1999
Supervisors of the Checklist	Dorothy A. Reynolds	2000
	Kathleen P. Allfrey	2006
	JoAnn L. Bormann	1998
Trustees of the Trust funds	Calvin Roach	1999
	JoAnn L. Bormann	1997
	Francis P. L. Cancro	1998
Assessors	Board of Selectmen	
Appraiser	Corcoran Consulting Assocs	s., Inc.

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Secretary/Bookkeeper	Dorothy A. Reynolds
Police Chief	Daniel Yoder
Fire Chief	Roger Patch
Road Agent	Rick Washburn
Forest Fire Warden	Keith R. Mitchell
Director of Emergency Management	Timothy Sinclair
Building Inspector	Norman Buswell
Welfare Director	Dorothy A. Reynolds
Health Officer	Larry Trask
Animal Control Officer Jo	ohn Stevens, Resigned
	Timothy Sinclair
Recreation Director	Laura Arsenault
Beach Commissioner	Frank Tufts
Assistant	Julie Tufts

PLANNING BOARD

Norman Buswell, Chairman Guy P. Richardson Earle Merrill Marilyn Mooney Keith Mitchell, Selectmen Rep. Star Snyder, Alternate James Buzard, Alternate Kathleen Buzard, Alternate

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

David Schultz, Chairman Francis Cancro JoAnn Bormann Keith Mitchell, Sel. Rep. Dorothy Reynolds, Alternate Diane Mitchell, Alternate

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Marilyn Mooney, Chairman Star Snyder Michael Stevens Kathleen Buzard Karen Stevens, Alternate

RURAL DISTRICT HEALTH REPRESENTATIVE

Elsie Cancro Arol Charbonneau

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Cheryl Kimball, Chair
John Mammone
Paula Larson
Norman Buswell
Susan McLendon
Keith Mitchell
Jean Talbot
Dorothy Reynolds
Roy Snyder

WARRANT FOR THE 1997 TOWN MEETING

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Middleton in the County of Strafford in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Middleton Town Hall on Tuesday, the eleventh (11) day of March 1997, at eleven o'clock (11:00am) in the forenoon, with the polls not closing before seven o'clock (7:00pm) in the evening to act upon the following:

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year: Selectmen for 3 years, and Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years.

ARTICLE 2. Shall we modify the Elderly Exemptions from property tax in the Town of Middleton, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$10,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years of age, \$15,000; and for a person 80 years of age or older, \$20,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than, \$13,400 or, if married, a combined net income of less than, \$20,400; and own net assets not in excess of \$35,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) Must be revoted under RSA 72:39.

YES NO

ARTICLE 3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 of the Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: The storage, spreading and stockpiling of any class of Bio-solids (sludge) shall not be allowed within the Town of Middleton. (Recommended by the Planning Board)

YES NO

ARTICLE 4. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 of the Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: Amend 2.01 General Residential District to "General Residential District": "Lauien Study", which will be separate Zoning Districts ie: RR, SRL, B-1, W, FP. (Recomended by the Planning Board)

YES NO

ARTICLE 5. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #3 of the Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: Section 1.13 Definitions, O. Signs: "to also include Real Estate Signs." (Recomended by the Planning Board)

YES NO

You are further notified to meet at the Fire Department Building on Wednesday, the twelfth (12) day of March 1997, next at seven (7:00pm) in the evening to act upon the following Articles:

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a long-term lease/purchase agreement for the purpose of leasing a loader for the Highway Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$37,000 for the first year's payment for that purpose. (This payment will be by \$25,000 from the 1996 Unencumbered Fund balance and the \$12,000 trade-in on the old loader.) The following four year's payments will be part of the Highway Budget. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500, to repair the old Town Loader. (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$202,725, for General Government as follows:

Executive	\$ 40,494
Election, Registration & Vitals	17,404
Financial Administration	21,477
Assessor Service	7,500
Tax Map Update	1,500
Legal Expense	8,000
Personnel Administration	48,850
Planning and Zoning	2,200
Map Case (hanging)	500
General Government Buildings & Repairs .	25,000
Insurance	23,000
Conservation Commission	800
Interest on TAN's	6,000

TOTAL \$ 202,725

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$117,694, for Public Safety:(\$35,000 of which will be granted through Federal State Police grants for the Police Department)

Police Department	\$ 57,411
(Federal Grants)	
Sub	Total \$92,411
Rescue Squad	2,933
Fire Department	16,100
Building Inspector	550
Office of Emergency Management	100
Strafford Dispatch	5,600
TOTAL	\$ 117,694

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$160,750, for the maintenance of Highways, Streets, Bridges and Street Lighting as follows: (\$36,754 of which will be granted through a Block Grant for road work, and \$3,500 of which will be through School District Fuel reimbursement)

Highway Operating Expense	\$ 115,696
Block Grant (State Revenue)	36,754
Sub	Total \$152,450
School District Reimbursement	3,500
Street Lighting	4,800
TOTAL	\$ 160,750

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$90,426 for Health, Welfare and Sanitation as follows:

Health Officer	\$ 1,450
Animal Control Officer	3,165
Health Agencies	2,811
Welfare	7,500
Fuel Assistance	2,500
Sanitation	73,000
TOTAL	\$ 90,426

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000, for Culture and Recreation as follows:

Beach	\$ 1,000
Park	1,000
Children Parties	1,000
TOTAL	\$ 3,000

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,120, for the purchase of the Assessing System Cama. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,500, for testing of fuel tank removal ground soil, which will be reimbursed by the State of New Hampshire. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000, to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of adding an addition to the Fire Station according to RSA 31:19-a. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000, for the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000, to be used for roads and bridges and withdraw \$25,000 for this purpose from the Unencumbered Fund which will not affect the Tax Rate. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 18. To transact any business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under hand and seal, this twenty-ninth (29) day of January, the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-seven.

Middleton Board of Selectmen: Roy T. Snyder

Keith R. Mitchell

Robert W. Bruedle

A TRUE COPY OF WARRANT ATTEST:

Middleton Board of Selectmen: Roy T. Snyder

Keith R. Mitchell

Robert W. Bruedle

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1996

ACCOUNT GENERAL GOVERNMENT	APPROPRIATION	REVENUE	EXPENDITURE
Executive	\$ 38,960	61	38,589
Election,Registration & Vitals	17,250		18,477
Financial Administration	25,666	25	20,234
Appraisal of Property	5,300		6,720
Update Tax Map	1,500		0
Legal Expense	15,000		10,403
Personnel Administration	44,750	250	45,528
Planning & Zoning	2,200	505	1,900
Board of Adjustment	00	165	65
General Gov Bldgs & Repairs	20,000	11	19,745
Insurance	27,000	496	26,042
PUBLIC SAFETY	,		•
Police Department	82,170	31, 189	82,837
Rescue	895	·	893
Fire Department	16,250		15,673
Building Inspector	550	4,199	400
Office of Emergency Manageme	nt 100		0
Other Public Safety	5, 693		5,293
HIGHWAY, STREETS & BRIDGES	141,000	674	144,294
Block Grant		33,376	
School District	3, 500	4,204	2, 815
Street Lights	4,500		4,756
SANITATION	71,050		58,145
HEALTH & WELFARE			
Health Administration	1,450		1,320
Animal Control	2,150	3,211	1,869
Health Agencies	2,803	20	2, 803
Welfare	10,000		5,294
CULTURE & RECREATION CONS			
Park & Beach	2,000		2,000
Parties	500		474
Conservation Commission DEBT SERVICE	800		159
Interest on TAN	10,000	5,995	3,872
CAPITAL OUTLAY			
Fire & Rescue Vehicle	5, 000		5, 000
Ground Water Testing	5,000		5, 966
New Municipal Building	100,000		98, 653
TRANSFERS TO CAPITAL RESER			
Revaluation Fund	10,000		10,000
Police Cruiser Fund	5, 000	01.00	5,000
TOTALS	\$ 678,037	84,381	\$645,219
	Bud	get Balance	\$32,818

1997 BUDGET

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION	N RSA 31:4 MS-6		
	1996	1996	1997
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	APPROPRIATED	SPENT	BUDGET
Executive	38,960	38,589	40,494
Election, Registration & Vitals	17,250	18,477	17,404
Financial Administration	25,666	20,234	21,477
Assessor Service	5,300	6,720	7,500
Update Tax Map	1,500	0	1,500
Legal Expense	15,000	10,403	8,000
Personnel Administration	44,750	45,528	48,850
Planning & Zoning	2,200	1,965	2,750
General Government Buildings	20,000	19,745	25,000
Insurance	27,000	26,042	23,000
PUBLIC SAFETY	00.470	00.007	02.444
Police Department	82,170 16,250	82,837 15,673	92,411
Fire Department Rescue Squad	895	893	16,100 1,533
Building Inspector	550	400	550
Emergency Management	100	00	100
Other Public Safety	5,693	5,293	5,600
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS	3,093	3,293	3,000
Highways and Streets	141,000	144,294	152,450
Street Lighting	4,500	4,756	4,800
School Fuel/Repairs	3,500	2,815	3,500
SANITATION	71,050	58,145	73,000
HEALTH	,	,	,
Health/Animal Control	3,600	3,189	4,615
Health Agencies	2,803	2,803	2,811
WELFARE	10,000	5,294	10,000
CULTURE AND RECREATION			
Parks and Beach	2,000	2,000	2,000
Children Parties	500	474	1,000
CONSERVATION	800	159	800
DEBT SERVICE-Interest on TAN	10,000	3,872	6,000
CAPITAL OUTLAY			
Ground Soil Testing	5,000	5,966	5,500
New Municipal Building	100,000	98,653	0
Fire & Rescue Vehicle	5,000	5,000	0
Highway Loader	0	0	37,000
Roads & Bridges	0	0	25,000
Assessing System	0	0	11,120
CAPITAL TRANSFERS OUT			
To Capital Reserve Funds	10,000	10.000	0
Revaluation Fund		10,000	5 000
Police Cruiser Fund	5,000 0	5,000	5,000
Fire Department Addition	0	U	10,000
APPROPRIATION	\$ 678,037	\$ 645,219	\$ 666,865
ATTROFRIATION	7 07 0,007	Revenue	\$ 391,827
		10101100	# 00 1,0E1

SOURCE OF REVENUE

TAVEO	1996 ESTIMATE	ACTUAL REVENUE	1997 ESTIMATED
Yield Taxes Interest & Penalties	\$ 25,000	32,409	30,000
on Delinquent Taxes Inventory Penalties	27,500 3,300	48,646 2,001	50,000 1,500
LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES			
Motor Vehicle Permit &Fees	90,000	100,069	100,000
Building Permits Other Lic., Permits & Fees	3,500 9,075	4,199 4,989	4,000 4,975
Other Lio., Fermits & Fees	9,073	7,303	7,373
INTERGOVERNMENTAL			
Shared Revenue	22,079	22,079	42,698
Highway Block Grant Forest Fire Refunds	33,376 0	33,376	36,754 0
Police Grants	30,000	31,188	35,000
Weatherization Grant	1,276	0	0
CHARGES FOR SERVICE			
Income From Departments	2,000	5,898	8,900
Other Charges	4,000	3,047	4,000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	0.000	F 00F	0.000
Interest on Deposit Sale of Municipal Property	6,000 44,000	5,995 0	6,000 0
Rental of Town Property	44,000	11	0
Insurance Dividends		496	0
Other	500	1,806	500
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANS	SEERS IN		
Capital Reserve Fund	0	0	0
Ground Water Testing			5,500
Roads & Bridges	0	0	25,000
Town Loader	0	0	37,000
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS	\$ 301,606	\$ 296,209	\$391,827
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		\$ 666,	865
LESS: Amount of Estimate of Rev Exclusive of Property Tax	renue,	391,	827
Amount of Taxes to be Raised (Exclusive of School & County Tax	x)	\$ 275,	038

GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET

as of December 31, 1996

ASSETS		
Current Assets	Beginning of year	End of year
Cash and equivalents Investments	\$ 332,581	\$ 276,490 102,849
Taxes receivable, net Tax liens receivable,net	257,782 150,096	219,243 136,432
Due from other governments Other current assets	5,080 15,625	6,711
Tax deeded Property	79,361	10,231
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 840,525	\$ 751,956
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQU Warrants and Accounts paya Due to School District Other payables Deposits		5,523 617,186 2,446
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 649,799	\$ 625,155
Fund Equity Reserve for Special Purpose Unreserved Fund Balance TOTAL FUND EQUITY	95,645 95,081 190,726	11,531 115,270 126,801
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$ 840,525	\$ 751,956

The Audit report is on file at the Selectmens Office

1996 TAX RATE COMPUTATION/TAX RATE

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION Concord, N.H. 03302-0457

Tax Rate Computation Tax Rates Town Portion					
Appropriation Less: Revenues Less: Shared Revenues Add: Overlay War Service Credits	\$688,037 (392,171) (4,435) 9,856 13,100				
Net Town Appropriation Municipal Tax Rate	314,387	\$ 4.42			
	School Portion				
Due to Local School Less: Shared Revenues	986,933 (18,765)				
Net School Appropriation School Tax Rate	968,168	\$ 13.60			
	County Portion				
Due to County	131,261				
Less: Shared Revenue Net County Appropriation County Tax Rate	(1,854) 129,407	\$ 1.82			
Combined Tax Rate Total Property Taxes Assessed	d 1,411,962	\$ 19.84			
Commitment Analysis					
Total Property Assessed	1,411,962				
Less: War Service Credits	(13,100)				
Add: Village District Commitme	ent <u>14,045</u>	\$.41			
Total Property Tax Commitmen	nt 1,412,907				
Proof of Rate					

TAX RATE

19.84

ASSESSMENT

1,411,962

VALUATION

\$71,167,453

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION - TAX YEAR 1996

	Acres	Assessed Valuation
Value of Land Only		
Current Use Residential Commercial/Industrial	4,198.64 6,380.73 539.72	\$479,946 44,630,870 810,675
TOTAL OF TAXABLE LAND TaxExempt & Non-Taxable	11,009.09	\$ 45,911,491 (\$1,332, 050)
Value of Buildings Only Residential Manufactured Housing Commercial/Industrial TOTAL OF TAXABLE BUILDINGS TaxExempt & Non-Taxable		55,004,936 2,248,600 <u>1,874,650</u> \$ 59,127,931 (\$ 537,850)
Public Utilities:	Electric	\$733,150
Valuations Before Exemptions Blind Exemption (1) Elderly Exemption (14) Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions		71,460,303 15,000 277,850 \$292,850

Net Valuation on which the Tax Rate is Computed: \$71,167,453

TAX CREDITS

Limits Number Tax Credits

Totally and permanently disabled veterans, their spouses or widows, and the widows of veterans who died or were killed on active duty:

	\$ 1, 400	2	\$ 2,800
Other war service credits	100	103	10,900
Total Number and Amount		111	\$13,100

UTILITY SUMMARY

Public Service Co. of NH \$733,150

(Cont. on Next Page)

ELDERLY EXEMPTION COUNT

Number of Individuals applying for an Elderly Exemption for Current Year	0 at 5,000 9 at 10,000 6 at 15,000 5 at 20,000		
Total Number of	0 at 5,000	=	0,000
Individuals	9 at 10,000	=	90,000
Granted an	6 at 15,000	=	90,000
Elderly Exception	5 at 20,000	=	97,850
for Current Year			
	21 Total	\$	277,850

CURRENT USE REPORT

•	orior years		Totals no. acres
	no. acres	no. acres	
Farm Land	133	0	133
Forest Land	3,855.24	0	3,855.24
Unproductive Land	26	0	26
Wet Land	184.40	0	184.40
Discretionary Easements	0	0	0

Total Number of Acres Exempted under Current Use: 4,198.64

Total Number of Acres Taken Out of Current Use During Year 0

Total Number of Acres Receiving the
20% Recreation Adjustment
2.097.70

Total Number of Owners Granted Current Use Assessment 57

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Roy T. Snyder Keith R. Mitchell Robert W. Bruedle Assessors of Middleton

Summary of Tax Warrants

Town of Middleton December 31, 1996

l la a lla ata di	1996	1995	1994	1993	TOTAL
Uncollected: Property Yield		270,189.59 469.92		138.62	270,328.21 469.92
Committed: Property Yield	1,420,765.16 32,358.82	50.00			0.00 1,420,765.16 32,408.82 0.00
Overpayments: Property	4,066.61	2,632.93			0.00 6,699.54 0.00 0.00
Int and Penalities	2,171.36	12,872.77			15,044.13
	1,459,361.95	286,215.21	0.00	138.62	1,745,715.78
Remitted: Property Yield Int and Penaltie Overpayments Abated:	1,196,379.23 24,817.54 s 2,171.36 4,066.61	257,858.97 519.92 12,872.77 2,632.93			1,454,238.20 25,337.46 15,044.13 6,699.54 0.00 0.00
Property	2,009.14	11,641.67			13,650.81 0.00
Deeded: Property	1,502.82				1,502.82
Uncollected: Property Yield	220,873.97 7,541.28	688.95		138.62	0.00 221,701.54 7,541.28 0.00
Excess Credits	1,459,361.95	286,215.21	0.00	138.62	0.00 1,745,715.78
		·			
Property Yield Int and Penalties	(0.00) (0.00) s 0.00 (0.00)	0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00

Tax Collectors Report

This year we sent out 1261 bills for the July 2, 1996 due, and 1281 bills for the December 12, 1996 due date. We were able to add 20 properties back to the tax rolls on the Second Issue bills due to purchases at the Town Property Auction.

We have collected approximately 3% more in taxes as of December 31, 1996 than in the same time period ending December 31, 1995. In spite of this increase, we still had 290 parcels go to Tax Lien for non-payment of the 1995 fiscal year. For such a small town, this is a disproportionately large amount.

If you find that you are having difficulties paying your taxes, please keep in mind that you can make partial payments. We would be happy to work out a payment plan for you if you wish.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve you Susan D.H. McLendon
Tax Collector

Town of Middleton - Summary of Tax Liens December 31, 1996

				Decemb	CI 31	, 100	,0		
TOTAL	216,642.96 0.00	35,202.83 379.48	390,202.46	144, 526.42 35,202.83 379.48	51,675.41	3,239.87	155,178.45	390, 202.46	00.00
1992 & prior	38, 864. 97	1,256.48	40,121.45	5,536.49	19,592.16		13,736.32	40,121.45	0.00
1993	68,270.57	14,180.27	82,450.84	43,421.66	14,822.53		10,026.38	82,450.84	0.00
1994	109,507.42	9,850.09	119,357.51	47,240.97 9,850.09	16,798.36		45,468.09	119,357.51	0.00
1995	137 977 19	9,915.99	148,272.66	48,327. 30 9,915.99 379.48	462.36	3,239.87	85,947.66	148, 272. 66	00.00
	Unredeemed Tax liens executed	Int and costs Overpayments	TOTALS	Redemptions Int and costs Overpayments	Abated	Deeded	Unredeemed	TOTALS	

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MIDDLETON DEEDED LAND AUCTION

May 18, 1996

On Saturday, May 18, 1996 at 1:00 p.m., the Town of Middleton held an auction for land taken by Tax Collectors deed.

The following is a list of the properties by Town Map and Lot numbers, location, size, and amount it was sold for.

000 000	B 11	001 4001	\$1000.00
003-023	Beechtree	90'x160'	\$4000.00
004-025	Spruce	160'x135'	\$1800.00
004-025-001	Spruce	80'x135'	\$2400.00
004-028	Spruce	80'x130'	*
004-029	Spruce	80'x130'	*\$2200.00
004-164	Elaine	80'x130'	\$ 900.00
004-179	Elaine	80'x135'	\$ 600.00
004-193	Karen	80'x135'	\$1100.00
004-194	Lakeshore	90'x130'	\$1300.00
004-217	Sunrise	75'x120'	\$ 500.00
004-234	Silver	120'x120'	*
004-235	Silver	100'x100'	*
004-236	Maple	80'x200'	*\$4100.00
004-247	Silver	120'x150'	\$2200.00
004-256	Lakeshore	80'x125'	\$ 900.00
004-321	Lincoln	90'x165'	\$2100.00
005-055	Fox	100'x100'	\$ 450.00
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005-059	Kings Hwy	100'x100'	\$1700.00
007-009	New Durham	.88 acres	\$2500.00
008-009-001	Pinkham	150'x200'	\$ 800.00
021-012	New Portsmouth	50'x50'	\$250.00
021-012	New Fortsmouth	30 X30	φ250.00

\$29,800.00

These lots are now back on the tax rolls and have received bills for 1996.

Middleton Board of Selectmen

Keith R. Mitchell, Chairman

Roy T. Snyder Jr, Selectman

Robert W. Bruedle, Selectman

^{*} lots with an asterisk (*) were sold as a group

Treasurer's Report- 12/31/96

	Middleton - Deposits 1996 1/1/96 Through 12/31/96		nses 1996 12/31/96
Description	Amount	Description	Amount
Total 1/1/96 - 1/31/96	60,752.99	Total 1/1/96 - 1/31/96	-97,929.35
Total 2/1/96 - 2/29/96	52,362.68	Total 2/1/96 - 2/29/96	-253,595.27
Total 3/1/96 - 3/31/96	60,989.46	Total 3/1/96 - 3/31/96	-66,136.47
Total 4/1/96 - 4/30/96	33,1523.49	Total 4/1/96 - 4/30/96	-308,725.93
Total 5/1/96 - 5/31/96	62,137.19	Total 5/1/96 - 5/31/96	-62,618.13
Total 6/1/96 - 6/30/96	239,148.57	Total 6/1/96 - 6/30/96	-175,589.82
Total 7/1/96 - 7/31/96	440,064.61	Total 7/1/96 - 7/31/96	-448,812.10
Total 8/1/96 - 8/31/96	94,229.03	Total 8/1/96 - 8/31/96	-49,333.32
Total 9/1/96 - 9/30/96	61,322.70	Total 9/1/96 - 9/30/96	-79,562.74
Total 10/1/96 - 10/31/96	243,183.13	Total 10/1/96 - 10/31/96	-282,768.53
Total 11/1/96 - 11/30/96	172,740.27	Total 11/1/96 -11/30/96	-65,144.85
Total 12/1/96 - 12/31/96	489,756.92	Total 12/1/96 - 12/31/96	-471,635.04
Overall Total	2,308,211.04	Overall Total	-2,361,851.55

Printed above is a summary of monthly income and expenses for the Town of Middleton for the year 1996.

Thanks to excellent fiscal management by the Board of Selectmen, other Town officials and the Town's paid staff, the Town's finances are healthy and secure. Expenditures are within budget. Income has been received in a timely fashion. The Town of Middleton does an excellent job managing and safeguarding its finances.

It has been a pleasure to serve the Town of Middleton in the capacity of Treasurer again in 1996 and I look forward to another year of involvement with our fine community in 1997.

Sincerely,

Paula Larson Treasurer

TOWN CLERK 1996 REPORT

January 1, 1996 - December 31, 1996

January 1, 1996 - December 31, 1996	
Automobile Registrations	\$101,777.00
Title Fees	196.00
Dog Licenses	2,490.00
Dog Fines & Penalties	721.00
Uniform Commercial Codes	809.57
Marriage Licenses	405.00
Certified Certificates	202.00
Junk Yard Licenses	75.00
Filing Fees	8.00
Checklist	100.00
Copies	287.77
Building Permits	4,188.86
Occupancy Permit	10.00
Return Check Fee	30.00
Planning Board Application Fees	504.89
	165.00
Board of Adjustment Application Fees	20.00
Day Care Inspection Police Auction	376.00
Pistol Permits	
	200.00 230.00
Police Reports	
Court Fines	150.00
Witness Fees Police Creat(Full time Officer)	280.20
Police Grant(Full-time Officer)	27,954.88
Police Radar Grant	825.00
Police Training Grant	776.66
Highway Block Grant	33,376.15
Metal Pickup	352.80
Recycling Sale of Branchin	321.30
Sale of Property	4,701.00
Soil Test Reimbursement	6,275.70
State Shared Revenue	42,698.32
Town Hall Rental Fee	11.00
School District Gas/Diesel	4,149.03
School Bus Repairs	55.33
Workshop Reimbursement	20.00
Unemployment Reimbursement	246.44
Office Reimbursement	46.90
Insurance Reimbursement	250.00
Prior Years Taxes	9,596.52
Deeded Property	17,971.17
Mortgage Search	25.00
Misc.	3,937.55
Total Received & Deposited	\$266,817.04

VITAL STATISTICS RECORDED

Births 14 Marriages 9 Deaths 13

Respectfully Submitted, Star V. Snyder, Town Clerk

1996 ANNUAL SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The year 1996 was a good year for Middleton. A new Municipal Building was erected without borrowing any money, all TAN's were paid off and we still left the year with \$100,000 plus interest in the bank.

In the past three years, the tax rate has dropped or stayed about the same. The Board of Selectmen are disappointed to announce a three cent increase in 1996. As we told you at the Town Meeting that little or no tax increase would be tolerated and we kept our promise.

Of course, this could not have happened without the professionalism of the town employees working with the Board of Selectmen.

The Selectmen hope that 1997 will be a productive year. We would like to purchase a new loader, as the old one was purchased in 1982, and is getting tired. We would like to pave the parking area to the new Municipal Building and a roof put over the entrance way to prevent problems in the future. This of course, depends on the will of the townspeople, as we would not recommend any items that would cause any great tax increase.

The Selectmen will be requesting a new tax system to aid in the reval in the year 2000. This system will work in conjunction with the state. Therefore, we think it is a necessity or we would not recommend it.

The Selectmen would like to thank all the volunteers who saved the town a tremendous amount of money, by completing the addition to the police department and other areas of the building. We would especially like to thank Cameron's Home Garden Center in Farmington for their very generous donation of the lawn around the building.

Finally, we would like to thank the people of Middleton, for their trust in the Board of Selectmen to carry out their wishes in spending wisely and returning the money that was not spent, along with requesting a lower budget for this year.

> Respectfully submitted, Board of Selectmen Keith R. Mitchell, Ch Roy T. Snyder Robert W. Bruedle

1996 ANNUAL HEALTH OFFICER REPORT

This was a quiet year for the Town of Middleton. I did do a considerable amount of research on biosolids and spent time patroling to inspect both new and failed systems.

I also found a way to help residents in Middleton with septic systems financially from grants for those who qualify, and checked into water testing the community water system at the Sunrise Estates area.

Respectfully submitted, Larry Trask Health Officer

1997 CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

The Commission has been very busy this year. One of the activities has been to take a video of the complete shore line of Sunrise Lake, this will help us with future permits along the Shoreland. This file has also given us much information of what has already occurred on the Lake and what we need to do for the future well-being of the Lake we all enjoy. We are working closely with the Planning Board, doing Site reviews of applications for work in the Shoreland and giving recommendations to the New Hampshire Wetlands Board.

One of our members has been monitoring a Great Blue Heon rookery for New Hampshire Audubon Society's data base. We hope to enlarge on this project by also monitoring as many Vernal Pools as we can and also identify the flora and wildlife in these areas.

We are trying to add to a base of needed reference materials that all departments will be able to use and we will add several volumes and maps this year. A very large project this year will identify sensitive land area in need of possible protection and try to contact all landowners who may be interested in future protection of these areas.

We have accepted a donation of land on Pinkham Road which will give us needed access to the Lake and are working with the Board of Selectmen on the necessary deed transfer.

All of these projects will give us much data for the Master Plan.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION Marilyn Mooney, Chair Star Snyder Kate Buzard Mic Stevens Karen Stevens

ANIMAL CONTROL 1996 ANNUAL REPORT

Since taking over the position as Animal Control Officer, in the middle of October, I have been busy working on the dog warrant. The town had approximately sixty-five unlicensed dogs, and by February 1, 1997 we only have four.

There will be a Rabies Clinic sometime in March, however, there is no exact date or time. It will be posted or you may call the Selectmen's Office.

Just a reminder, that if your dog is outside, they have to be supervised or on a leash at all times. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted, Timothy Sinclair Animal Control Officer

MIDDLETON BUILDING INSPECTOR

ANNUAL REPORT 1996

1996 saw a marked increase in new homes. We had a mix of stick built homes with also modular homes and double-wide mobile homes. Industrial building was up. Garages and additions show an increase. Repairs were about the normal. I wish to thank all Departments for their help.

Norman Buswell

1996 ANNUAL FIRE WARDEN REPORT

The year 1996 was an uneventful year for us in general. This was mainly due to the wet weather we experienced throughout the summer, along with the cooperation of all those involved.

The Towns Fire Wardens issued nearly 200 fire permits in Middleton last year, with only one fire call, which was a non-permit burner.

Please remember, fire permits are required for any outside burning, Its The Law.

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing any open burning. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression cost.

Respectfully Submitted, Keith R. Mitchell Fire Warden

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

With the favorable vote on the newly modified and revised Middleton Land Use Ordinance, the Board feels the Ordinance is now reader friendly and will stand up to any court decision which could happen against it.

A Shoreland Protection Ordinance Application has been completed with the help of the Conservation Commission who will now do sight reviews for the Planning Board. This has worked most favorably with the landowners and fulfills the Ordinance requirements.

Much time and research was done on the issue of Sludge Biosolids spreading on lands. It was felt by all members the storing, stockpiling or spreading should not be allowed at this time. More guidelines need to be worked out, so that all bacterial, toxins, heavy metals and virus can be detected. The ballot question reflects the Boards effort to keep the material out of our Town until more study can be done on the subject.

The Sign Ordinance also will be voted on by Ballot, to include real estate signs.

There was one minor sub-division of two lots on Ridge Road and two minor lot line adjustments on Kings Highway.

The Master Plan continues to be updated and more work is needed for our Capital Improvements Study.

We are asking for monies for a Hanging Map File, we did ask for this two years ago, but because there was no room to place it, we decided to wait until this year to purchase it. This will allow all the large maps to be hung instead of folded, and all departments will be able to use them fully.

The year ahead will bring several projects to finish, thank you for your continuing support as we try to follow the direction of the voters.

Sincerely, Planning Board Chairman Norman Buswell

1996 POLICE DEPARTMENT YEARLY REPORT

This year has been a very good year for the Police Department. We have worked very hard to meet the goals of the Department, Town, and the residents of the Town of Middleton.

The Department had three part-time officers resign this year, which did put a strain on coverage from time to time. We hope to be able to fill at least one of these positions before long.

One of our biggest achievements is that we have been able to handle about 97% of the calls for service for the Town. This was one goal which the Department continues to work on, and will continue to work on. With the ever increasing shortage of resources from other agencies, we have had to rely on ourselves and protecting our own due to these shortages. Our calls for service have increased on the average, however, our property crimes have diminished greatly. The Department had very few burglaries and thefts reported this year as compared to past years. I contribute this greatly to our increased patrol service. The calls for service that we received the most of this year were from people related crimes, such as domestic calls and assaults, and other related disturbance

The Department continues to involve itself in community related programs, such as DARE, and the school ski program. We are still researching the availability of other programs, such as Family Support, Drug Awareness, and Citizen Awareness. We hope to be able to start those this year, if all goes as planned.

This year many of you saw us in places that you may have not seen us before. This was the first year we had a boat available to us. The boat was received through a federal grant, which has come to be a very useful tool. We worked closely with the Marine Patrol before implementing this program, and were encouraged by them to do so. We will continue to patrol areas that people may not normally see us, because we have found that some areas of Middleton are still favorite choices for illegal activity, and we will continue to put a stop to this.

We are continuing to work closely with the Fire and Rescue Department. As you know some of us are Emergency Medical Technicians, and you may see us assisting the Ambulance in some calls. We found this to be a benefit to the Town, due to our quick response.

The Department is continuing to find ways of saving the tax payers money, by being approved for another grant to help supplement our part-time force. This, with the existing grants already in place, will continue to assist in keeping the overall costs to a minimum.

Just to give you an idea of how busy we have been this year, we had 602 calls for service, 1995 was 423. Our motor vehicle activity went up tremendously, because we received calls from you indicating that traffic was a problem. This year we stopped 913 vehicles, we issued 174 traffic summons, and issued 726, traffic warnings. This was up over 50% from last year. If you wish to see any of our other activity statistics, you are welcome to review our monthly reports.

This year we will be moving into a new building, which will service us and the community for some time to come. Many people have had a lot to do with this, and I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation to some of them. I would like to thank the following: John Mammone, Al Poulin, Pearly Lee, Tim Sinclair, Keith Mitchell, the Highway Department, and the Officers of my Department, who all worked hard to make this happen.

Again, I encourage anyone that has a problem or concerns about this Department, to come to me or one of my officers. We strive to dedicate ourselves to integrity, professionalism, and service to the community. We will do our part to make the Town of Middleton a community where people will want to come and live in peace, and not in fear of outsiders or public service.

On behalf of my officers, my wife Patty, my son Justin, my oldest daughter Michelle, and newest addition to the family, my daughter Danielle, we wish you all a safe and happy year.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel S. Yoder Chief of Police

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

First and foremost I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen for appointing me as the Road Agent for the Town of Middleton.

Since starting in early June, we have been busy with various projects, one of which was the new Municipal Building. We also introduced the roadside mowing machine, which we rented, and managed to cut the brush along all the roads. We did have a few complaints on this project, however, in due time the continuing use of the brush hog will allow us to be cutting grass instead of brush.

We were also introduced to the continuation of the paving project which started last year, paving a section of New Durham Road, Ridge Road, Dudley Drive and Nicola Road. Hopefully, with the continued support of the residents of Middleton we will be able to continue to improve our roads each year. We replaced culverts on Ridge Road and New Portsmouth Road with many more needing replacement.

Due to a snow free winter, we started a very extensive repair and maintenance program, by working on the inside of the garage. Insulation and wallboard was installed in the unfinished bays and we now have all four bays heated with new lighting. Hopefully, we will be able to continue this project by installing plumbing for a bathroom with both hot and cold water. The hot water heater was donated by Ernie Farrington along with many other donations to keep the cost of the project from the taxpayers.

We also attended the University of New Hampshire, myself as Road Agent, achieved the status of Road Scholar One and along with Ernie Farrington we both completed the Workzone Safety Program.

At this time, I would like to regretfully announce the resignation of one of my co-workers, Orrie Tufts, Jr. Orrie resigned this past winter to prepare for his retirement in the up coming months. I only had the opportunity to work with Orrie for six months, but his knowledge of the town was a great contribution in my new position. I would like to thank him and wish him well in the future. I would also like to thank Ernie Farrington who is a great asset to me. His knowledge of the job has made my transition as Road Agent smoother for me.

In closing, I would like to let the residents of Middleton know, that I am open for suggestions and willing to answer any complaints or concerns you may have, within the realm of the budget. The safety of you and your families is our number one concern while you travel through the Town of Middleton.

Respectfully submitted, Rick R. Washburn Road Agent

MIDDLETON FIRE & RESCUE

1996 YEARLY REPORT

The Fire Department again had a very good year. One of the things that helped accomplish this was the dedication and cooperation of our members, and the excellent working relationship we have with the other town departments. There were some personnel changes within the department this year. Curt Dalrymple was appointed Deputy Chief, Mike Laughy to Captain, Tim Sinclair to Lieutenant in charge of training, Dan Yoder to Lieutenant on the Rescue/Ambulance. Congratulations to these people, and to all the fire department members as a whole.

We are still trying to update equipment, so that we may be able to work more closely with other agencies. Mutual Aid is very important to us, and to those communities around us. Because of this there is equipment that we have that is not compatible with what other agencies may have.

This past year we had 45 calls for service. This was the most calls we had to date since the department was established. A record of these calls are as follows:

Mutual Aid 1	Furnace Fire 1
Gas Leak 2	Electrical Fire 2
Residential Lockout1	Chimney Fire 2
Structure Fires 2	Pumping Basement Water- 2
Smoke Investigation 3	Assist Rescue/Ambulance-15
Vehicle Fires 2	Gas Investigation 2
False Alarms 2	Brush Fires 2
Carbon Monoxide Invest 3	Miscellaneous 1
Kids With Matches- 2	

The Fire Department still needs your help. We are always looking for volunteers who are willing to give up a little of their time for the community.

I would like to thank the community for your donations and support at our special functions. I would also like to thank the Old Home Association for their support and the use of their building for our functions, and a special thanks for those of you who stood behind me in my time of need earlier in the year, and gave me the courage to continue on.

A reminder to everyone to dial 911 if you have a emergency, and all nonemergency calls can be made through Strafford dispatch by dialing 473-8288.

> Respectfully submitted, Roger Patch Fire Chief

1996 M. V. F. D. / Rescue Squad Annual Report

The year 1996 was yet another successful year for the Middleton Fire/Rescue Department.

Last March, we acquired from Wakefield, a used ambulance which we now use as our rescue vehicle. After a few months we found that we were only a small step away from being able to pass a state inspection to becoming a transporting service. October 12, 1996, we passed the inspection, and have been transporting our own.

Due to the fact that there is only seven members, there has only been a few times that we have had to depend on other towns to provide coverage. It is however reassuring to know that Farmington, Milton and Wakefield are available, and we thank them.

The year 1997, will bring some changes. We will be charging a small fee for transports to keep the budget down and we will have the opportunity to purchase a used defibulator from Farmington Ambulance Corp., which will be required by January 1, 2000, by the state. This unit costs \$8000, and in good working condition, being offered to us for approximately \$1,400.

All in all, with every year, we continue to move forward. Without the constant efforts and support of our families, all of the members of the Fire Department, Townspeople, volunteers and members of the Rescue Squad who continue to give of themselves to help our community, none of this would have been possible. Hats off to all of you and thanks for another great year.

Respectfully submitted, Capt. Mike Davenport Middleton Fire & Rescue

RURAL DISTRICT VNA, Inc. REPORT

Rural District Visiting Nurse Association, (VNA) Inc., continues as a private, non-profit home health agency certified by Medicare and licensed by the state in home health and hospice, and licensed as a community clinic. Rural District VNA is accredited with Commendation by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. This recognition signifies exemplary performance in meeting national standards, and attests to the commitment Rural District VNA has to cost effective, quality care. This accreditation goes hand-in-hand with our Mission to provide high quality, compassionate, cost effective, home health, hospice and community health care services on an intermittent basis to all ages within our service area.

1996 has presented many new and some consistent challenges. The need for home care continues to grow, while reimbursement for services is as diverse as the number of payors. There are threats or promises to change, "health care reform" but essentially reimbursement from Medicare and Medicaid remained unchanged, although the number utilizing Medicaid has sharply increased. Competition for the insured patient continues to increase from multiple directions, including increasing numbers of hospital affiliated agencies and for profit chains. Under managed care insurances are paying less and limiting the number of visits.

Rural District VNA's Board has looked very thoroughly at our options as an Agency and at our service area. It is the belief of our Board that it is in the best interests of the communities and people we serve to remain as an independent Agency, that actively seeks to network and affiliate to strengthen our position and ability to serve. Rural District VNA serves nine rural communities with residents choosing any one of seven or eight local hospitals to access in-patient care, we are working toward strengthening our relationships with these hospitals. We are continuing as a member of the Coalition of Strafford County Agencies, the Rural Home Health Network and the Home Care Association of New Hampshire.

Your town contributions are essential to meeting the many health needs in your community. Our commitment to all residents regardless of their insurance coverage reinforces the need for ongoing community support. As competition increases for the insured client referral, please keep in mind you have a right to choose, ask for RURAL DISTRICT VNA by name. We are proud to be meeting your home health care needs since 1969 and are looking forward to working for you in the future.

Visit Statistics 1996		Board of Directors Representatives
Nursing	329	Arol Charbonneau
Home Health Aide	546	Elsie Cancro
Physical Therapy	52	
Occupational Therapy	2	
Medical Social Worker	26	
Speech Therapy	11	Respectfully submitted,
Homemaker Hours	189	Linda Hotchkiss RN., MHSA
Influenza Shots (in home)	1	Executive Director
Influenza Shots (Clinics)	38	

VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION-HOSPICE OF

SOUTHERN CARROLL COUNTY & VICINITY, INC.

ANNUAL REPORT 1996

The Visiting Nurse Association-Hospice of Southern Carroll County and Vicinity, Inc. better known as the VNA-Hospice, has had an extremely busy year since I was appointed the Executive Director in September of 1995. The Agency has made a total of 44,938 home visits which is a 12.2% growth. The Agency's budget is now more than \$2,500,000.00 which now classifies the V.N.A.-Hospice as a medium sized HomeCare Agency. There are officially 97 employees, most of whom are part time. During 1996 the Agency celebrated its Golden Anniversary as a not-for-profit HomeCare Organization.

The following services were provided to the residents of Middleton between October 1, 1995 and September 30, 1996.

	TOWN	VNA-HOSPICE
Number of Recipients Receiving Services:	1	781
Home Care Patient Visits	2	36,967
Hospice Patient Visits	0	7,060
Other Visits	0	911
Total Number of Visits Made	2	44,938

The VNA-Hospice provides service to the residents of Alton, Brookfield, Effingham, Ossipee, Sandwich, Tuftonboro, Wakefield and Wolfeboro. We have also helped the HomeCare Agencies in Albany, Freedom, Tamworth, Madison, Milton, and Moultonboro to provide services to their residents.

The VNA-Hospice is a not-for profit, equal opportunity employer, located in Wolfeboro at Huggins Hospital. The staff located in the office include Administrative, Secretarial and Financial people. The people who work directly in the home include Registered Nurses, Licensed Practical Nurses, Certified Nurses Assistants, Physicians, Homemakers and Social Workers, they also include Physical,

Speech and Occupational Therapists. The Agency uses the services of many, many volunteers who work on the Board of Directors, on Committees, in the office and directly with our patients, their services are essential to our operation and are greatly appreciated.

VNA-Hospice has three major programs that are offered throughout our service area, including our Home Health Care Program, our Outpatient-Maternal Child Health Program and our Hospice Program. Through these programs we are able to provide services in your home such as Skilled Nursing Care, including some High Technological care such as Intravenous Therapy and Pain Control Therapy. We provide Home Health Aide Care, Homemaking, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Social Work. We also provide Well Child Clinics, Immunization Clinics and Flu Shot Clinics throughout our area. VNA-Hospice also provides counseling and support sessions in the area of bereavement. We provide a Sudden Death Response Team to help survivors get through the crisis. The Agency provides formal educational programs such as our Volunteer Training Courses and our AIDS Seminar. Administrative Staff Members willingly have done public speaking engagements, and have led discussion groups on any of our programs or on the Medicare/ Medicaid Benefit.

During the next year the VNA-Hospice will be able to provide Psychiatric Nursing Care and even more High Technological services in the home. During 1995, in collaboration with Huggins Hospital, we applied for and were awarded two grants to establish a Good Beginnings Program, which will enable us to provide services to any newborn and their family in our service area. The VNA-Hospice is one of the major Health Care providers in this region, and it is essential that we are able to meet the needs of our communities. This Agency is committed to you, and we anticipate collaborating with other health care providers in this region to come up with different systems of providing services to you, that will be more efficient and cost effective. We will continue to work with all Local, State, Federal and Third Party Payors to meet your needs.

We receive most of our funding from Medicare/Medicaid, other insurances, fees collected, and Grants from the New Hampshire Bureau of Maternal and Child Health. The VNA-Hospice is very dependent on our fund drives, our donations and our town appropriation funds, which enable us to continue to provide non-refundable services to those patients who need them.

In accordance with New Hampshire Statutory Requirements regulating certain Transactions involving Directors of Charitable Trusts (RSA 7:19-a), the VNA-Hospice is making known that Dr. Eric Lewis, who is a voting member of the Board of Directors is also an Employee of the Agency. He serves as the Medical Director of the Hospice and Maternal Child Health Programs and receives fiscal compensation for these services.

The Board of Directors, the staff and I thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn A Barba MS, RN, CNA Executive Director

Strafford County Community Action Committee, Inc.

P.O. Box 160 · Dover, NH 03821-0160 Tel: 749-1334 · Fax: 749-3718

MIDDLETON SERVICES 1996

PROGRAM

UNITS OF SERVICE

Fuel Assistance	34 families
Weatherization	2 homes
PSNH Energy Upgrade	2 homes
Heating System Upgrade	1 home
Housing Search	2 families
Security Deposits	3 families
Rental Assistance	1 family
Utility Assistance	
Food Pantries	15 families
Holiday Food Baskets	10 families
Elderly Transportation	22 rides
Medicare Counseling	3 households
Information & Referral	170 units
Clothes Closet	3 families

Value of goods and services provided to Middleton: . \$22,226.00

Respectfully submitted, Richard Hayes Executive Director

Sunrise Lake Village District,

For the Impoundment of Water Incorporated 1980 Middleton, New Hampshire 03887

FINANCIAL REPORT YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Money Market Account	\$ 2,227	Capital Reserve-Dam	\$10,274
Checking Account	292	(Contra Account)	
Capital Reserve Acct.	10,274	Surplus	2,519
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$12 703	TOTAL LIABILITIES	¢12 703

REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

REVENUES	•	EXPENDITURES	
Tax Receipts-June Tax Receipts - Dec. Interest - Money Market Interest - Cap. Res. Total Revenues Money Mkt. Acct. 1/1/96 Checking Acct. 1/1/96	\$ 7,000 7,045 90 549 \$14,684 1,797 378	General Government Bond Principal Bond Interest Capital Reserve - Dam Total Expenditures Money Mkt. Acct. 12/31/96 Checking Acct. 12/31/96	
GRAND TOTAL	\$16.859	GRAND TOTAL	. \$16,859

Barbara Woytovich Treasurer

DISTRICT OFFICERS

Chairman	Walter Woytovich
Commissioner	Vincent Penzo
Commissioner	Warren Bartlett
Treasurer	Barbara Woytovich
Clerk	Debra Damon
Moderator	David A. Schulze

Report of the Trust Fund of the

DATE OF CREATIO	N NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	HOW INVESTED	BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	NEW FUNDS CREATE
1935 1949	NATT ROBERTS ADDIE MAE JONES	CEMETERY CARE CEMETERY CARE	FARMINGTON NAT'L BK FARMINGTON NAT'L BK	202.50 275.00	
1974	JOSEPH COOK	CEMETERY CARE	FARMINGTON NAT'L BK	400.00	
1974	WILLIAM HANSON	CEMETERY CARE	FARMINGTON NAT'L BK	300.00	
		TOTAL CEMETERY FU	NDS	\$1,177.50	\$0.00
1946	ELIZA ROBERTS	EDUCATION	FARMINGTON NAT'L BK	100.00	
1931	CHARLES ROBERTS	LIBRARY	FARMINGTON NAT'L BK	202.50	
TOTAL !	IBRARY AND EDUCATIO	N FUNDS		\$302.50	\$0.00
1989	FIRE	CAPITAL RESERVE	FARMINGTON NAT'L BK	8,000.00	
1989	FIRE	CAPITAL RESERVE	FARMINGTON NAT'L BK	6,000.00	
1997	POLICE	CAPITAL RESERVE	FARMINGTON NAT'L BK	5,000.00	
1995	REVALUATION	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHPDIP	10,000.00	10,000.00
1992	SCHOOL	CAPITAL RESERVE	FARMINGTON NAT'L BK	5,000.00	
1992	SCHOOL	CAPITAL RESERVE	FARMINGTON NAT'L BK	13,000.00	
1992	SCHOOL	CAPITAL RESERVE	FARMINGTON NAT'L BK	7,000.00	
1994	SCHOOL	CAPITAL RESERVE	FARMINGTON NAT'L BK	5,000.00	4 000 00
1987	SUNRISE LAKE VILLAGE DISTRICT	CAPITAL RESERVE	FARMINGTON NAT'L BK	8,000.00	1,000.00
		TOTAL CAPITAL RESE	RVE FUNDS	\$67,000.00	\$11,000.00

Town of Middleton on December 31, 1996

PRINCIPAL

INCOME INCOME DURING YEAR

CASH GAINED OR (LOSSES) ON SECURITIES	(WITH DRAWALS)	BALANCE END YEAR 202.50 275.00 400.00	BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR 408.98 78.23 266.68	PERCENT	AMOUNT 15.34 8.75 16.75	EXPENDED DURING YEAR 15.00 15.00	BALANCE END YEAR 409.32 71.98 268.43	TOTAL TRUST FUND END OF YEAR 611.82 346.98 668.43
		300.00	86.04		9.84	,,,,,,	95.88	395.88
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,177.50	\$839.93		\$50.68	\$45.00	\$845.61	\$2,023.11
		100.00	79.80		4.34	15.00	69.14	169.14
		202.50	698.51		22.96		721.47	923.97
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$302.50	\$778.31		\$27.30	\$15.00	\$790.61	\$1,093.11
		8,000.00	1,433.73		630.55		2,064.28	10,064.28
		6,000.00 5,000.00	528.98		575.62		1,104.60 5,000.00	7,104.60
		20,000.00	48.94		514.04		562.98	20,562.98
		5,000.00	1,054.90		347.77		1,402.67	6.402.67
		13,000.00	1,152.48		806.84		1,959.32	14,959.32
		7,000.00	706.76		447.52		1,154.28	8,154.28
		5,000.00	339.09		349.74		688.83	5,688.83
		9,000.00	725.73		548.70		1,274.43	10,274.43
	\$0.00	\$78,000.00	\$5,990.61	\$0.00	\$4,220.78	\$0.00	\$10,211.39	\$88,211.39

BIRTHS RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF MIDDLETON, N H.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1996

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF FATHER	NAME OF MOTHER (MAIDEN)
09-21-92	Joshua Alan Caplette(unreported)	Alan R. Caplette	Lisa M. Shannon
09-28-95	Jacob Wayne Caplette(unreported)	Alan R. Caplette	Lisa M. Shannon
01-26-96	Jordan Dean Evans	John D. Evans	Susan A. Jones
02-16-96	Matthew Glen Bowden	Donald A.Bowden	Andrea J. Urquhart
05-17-96	Shayna Leigh Boucher	Roger G. Boucher Sr.	Marjorie H. Harwood
07-16-96	Kylee Marie Holland	Robert J. Holland	Stephanie L. Holland
07-27-96	Nathan Wayne Sherwood	Bradbury C. Sherwood	Robin Jo Collicott
08-16-96	Shane Allen Hill	James E. Hill	Trayce Lynn Brewer
09-03-96	Michael Robert Cook Jr.	Michael R. Cook	Lisa M. Chartier
09-09-96	Kevin Rocky Poulin	Rocky A. Poulin	Kim D. Theberge
10-01-96	Robert Christopher Hanchett	Christopher A. Hanchett	Stephanie A. Martin
11-12-96	Kelly Rosaria Gagnon	Kenneth H. Gagnon	Bonnie E. Parker
11 20-96	Laura Ashley Commons	Peter K. Commons	Beth Jane Carver
11-24-96	Emily May Gibson	David N. Gibson	Dory Jane Megee
11-26-96	Stephen K. Joy	Philip Joy	Ann Patch
11-30-96	Kristie Molly June	Charles W. June	Melanie J. Sroka

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF MIDDLETON, N.H. FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,1996

DATE	PLACE	NAME OF GROOM	NAME OF BRIDE (MAIDEN)
02-10-96	Rye, N.H.	James A. St.Lawrence	Wendy Joyce Woodman
03-03-96	Middleton,N.H.	Steven B. Green	Debra L. Chesley
03-16-96	Rochester, N.H.	Douglas R. Roberts	Catherine E. Perrow
05-25-96	Milton Mills,N.H.	Donald W. Morrill	Candace M. Long
07-01-96	Middleton,N.H.	John D. Birnie, II	Christine M. Sandin
07-27-96	Rochester, N.H.	Charles Smith Allard	Tammy Lynn Seale
08-24-96	Middleton, N.H.	Christopher P. Shaw	Jo Anne Hamel
09-28-96	Middleton, N.H.	Leslie A. Stevens Jr.	Holly E. Weed
11-03-96	Milton, N.H.	Raymond D. McDermottroe	Amy Lyn Mailhoit

DEATHS RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF MIDDLETON, N H. FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1996

DATE	PLACE OF DEATH	NAME OF DECEASED
02-13-96	Ossipee, N.H.	Christine Jane Rich
03-04-96	Wolfeboro, N.H.	Abbie Buswell
03-20-96	Wolfeboro, N.H.	Ormond Atwood Sabans
05-09-96	Wolfeboro, N.H.	John Andrew Burrows
07-16-96	Rochester, N.H.	Barry James Whalen
08-01-96	Brownsville, Texas	James M. Chesley
08-22-96	Middleton, N.H.	Christine Mary Fuller
09-01-96	Middleton, N.H.	Barbara Jean Houle
09-19-96	Rochester, N.H.	Clarence L. Andrews Jr.
10-05-96	Portsmouth, N.H.	Marie Emma Davis
12-03-96	Middleton, N.H.	Robert Weiss
12-18-96	Middleton, N.H.	Peter Fuller
12-29-96	Ossipee, N.H.	Helen M. Bryson

I hereby certify that the above is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Star V. Snyder, Town Clerk

Town of Middleton, New Hampshire

ANNUAL REPORTS of the SCHOOL DISTRICT

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30th 1996

We hereby submit our
Report of the Finances of the School District
Through June 30, 1996

OFFICERS OF THE MIDDLETON SCHOOL DISTRICT

as of December 31, 1996

School Board

Mrs. Susan McLendon Mr. Timothy Sinclair Mrs. Julie Reynolds Term Expires 1999 Term Expires 1997 Term Expires 1998

Superintendent of Schools E. Richard Hoke

Assistant Superintendent Jack Henderson

Treasurer
Carl McLendon

Clerk Alisa Randall

Moderator
Don E. Leeman

Auditors
Joyce Ellingwood
JoAnn Boormann

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of MIDDLETON qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Middleton Town Hall in said district on the 4th day of March 1997, at 7:00 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects.

- Article 1: To hear reports of auditors, agents, committee and officers chosen to conduct the prudent affairs of the District and to pass any vote related thereto.
- Article 2: To appoint any agents, committees or representatives relating to any subject contained in this warrant.
- Article 3: To see if the District will authorize the School Board and its agents to make application for, to accept, and to expend, in the name of the District, such advances, gifts, grants-in-aid and other funds for educational purposes as may now or hereafter become available from any and all sources, in accordance with RSA 198:20b, without further action from or by the District Meeting.
- Article 4: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,000 to purchase a new school bus and authorize the withdrawal of \$17,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The balance of \$28,000 is to come from general taxation. The School Board recommends this appropriation.
- Article 5: To see what sum the District will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of schools, salaries of District Officials and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District.
- Article 6: To transact any other business which may legally come before this District Meeting.

Given under our hands at said MIDDLETON this Fifteenth day of January, 1997.

School Board Susan McLendon (Signed) Timothy Sinclair

A true copy of Warrant — Attest:

School Board (Signed)

Susan McLendon Timothy Sinclair

MIDDLETON SCHOOLDISTRICT ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

March 5, 1996

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by the District Moderator.

- Article 1: To hear reports of auditors, agents, committee and officers chosen to conduct the prudent affairs of the District and to pass any vote related thereto. A motion to accept the article as read by Susan McLendon and seconded by Lanny Wiggins. Article passes as read.
- Article 2: To choose or appoint any agents, committees or representative relating to any subject contained in this warrant. A motion to accept the article as read made by Timothy Sinclair and seconded by Keith Mitchell. Article passes as read.
- Article 3: To see if the District will authorize the School Board and its agents to make application for, to accept, and to expend, in the name of the District, such advances, gifts, grants-in-aid and other funds for educational purposes as may now or hereafter become available from any and all sources, in accordance with RSA 198:20b, without further action from or by the District Meeting. A motion to accept the article as read by Lanny Wiggins and seconded by Susan McLendon. Article passes as read.
- Article 4: To see what sum the District will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of schools, salaries District officials and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District. There was much discussion about the need for an new school bus. After discussion, it was agreed by the Board that if, at any time, a new school bus was necessary, the Board would hold a special District meeting to present an Article to appropriate funds for a new bus from the capital reserve fund. A motion to accept the article as read for the sum of One Million Three Hundred Twelve Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Four Dollars (\$1,312,834.00) inclusive of all warrant articles was made by Susan McLendon and seconded by Lanny Wiggins. Article passes as read.
- Article 5: To transact any other business which may legally come before this District Meeting. A motion to accept the article as read by Susan McLendon and seconded by Keith Mitchell. Article passes as read. Motion made to adjourn by Lanny Wiggins, seconded by Susan McLendon. So voted. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

As recorded by: Alisa T. Randall Clerk

MIDDLETON SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL MEETING

May 21, 1996

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Article I: To see if the District will vote to authorize the Middleton School Board to transfer title to a certain piece of real estate property herein legally described as a certain tract of land located on the northeasterly side of Kings Highway and the southeasterly side of Ridge Road in the Town of Middleton County of Strafford, State of New Hampshire: being shown as lot #1, on a plan entitled "Subdivision of Land - Kings Highway and Ridge Road - Middleton, New Hampshire - for Middleton School District", dated May 1996, by Norway Plains Associates, Inc. The tract is more particularly bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point at the intersection of the northeasterly sideline of Kings Highway and the southeasterly sideline of Ridge Road, said point being the westerly corner of the tract herein conveyed: Thence running along Ridge Road and generally following a stone wall N 51 20' 07" E. 123.28' to a drill hole set in said stone wall; thence continuing along Ridge Road and following the stone wall N 55 03' 58" E. 139,01' to a drill hole set at the corner of a stone wall at other land of Middleton School District and following a stone wall the following courses: S 41 41' 04" E. 257.39' to a point. S 44 56' 36" E. 128.62 ' to a point: thence turning and continuing along land of Middleton School District S 50 35' 34" W. 209.87 ' to a rebar in a stone wall at the northeasterly sideline of Kings Highway; thence turning and running along Kings Highway and generally following a stone wall N 41 36' 29" W. 60.15 feet to a drill hole; thence continuing along Kings Highway following a stonewall N 43 34' 36" W. 12.79 feet to a spike set at the end of stone wall: thence continuing along Kings Highway N 55 18' 27" W. 234.00 feet to the point of beginning. The described tract contains 87,168 square feet or 2.00 acres. A motion to accept the article as read by Keith Mitchell and seconded by Star Snyder. Article passed as read.

Article II: To transact any other business of the District which is legally permitted for this meeting. A motion to accept the article as read by Susan McLendon and seconded by Keith Mitchell. Article passes as read. Motion made to adjourn by Tim Sinclair, seconded by Susan McLendon. So voted. Meeting adjourned at 6:07 PM. As recorded by:

Alisa T. Randall Clerk

MS-26 BUDGET FORM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1998

APPROPRIATIONS

Function Purpose of Appropriation	1996-97	1997-98
APPROVED PROPOSED	BUDGET	BUDGET
1000 Instruction		
1100 Regular Programs	1065822	1079429
1200 Special Programs	142540	127298
2000 Support Services		
2110 Att. & Social Work	15	0
2130 Health	100	100
2140 Psychological	800	0
2300 General Administration	H 00.5	4400
2310 All Other Objects	7835	4160
2320 Office of Superintendent	00404	00.400
2320 351 SAU Mgmt. Serv.	29194	28400
2500 Business Services 2520 Fiscal	0.0	36
2540 Oper. & Maint. of Plant	86 750	2000
2550 Pupil Transportation	61142	55918
2600 Managerial Services	01142	33910
2900 Other Support Services	4550	4650
5200 Fund Transfers	7550	4030
5250 To Capital Reserve Fund		
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TOTAL APPROPRIATION	1312834	1301991
Special Warrant Article #4		45000
TOTAL APPROPRIATION WITH	WARRANT ARTICLE	1346991
RE	/ENUES	
3100 Foundation Aid	192465	122747
3240 Catastrophic Aid	4000	5000
1500 Earnings on Investments	4336	5000
Fund Balance as Revenues	,,,,,	30000
TOTAL REVENUES & CREDITS	200801	162747
DISTRICT ASSESSMENT	1112033	1184244
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	1312834	1346991
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TREASURER'S REPORT

For Period Ending June 30, 1996

Beginning Balance,	7/1/95	\$ 89,420
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REVENUES:

Local Taxes Other Local	\$ 993,140 4,320
Total Revenues From Local Sources	\$ 997,460
State Aid To Education	\$ 177,990

Total REVENUES: \$1,175,450

EXPENDITURES:

Regular Education Tuition Special Education Including Transportation School Board Expenses SAU Apportionment Bookkeeping Expense Ballfield Maint/Electricity	\$ 936,390 96,579 5,710 28,400 32 499
Regular Education Transport. Employee Benefits	38,412 3,174
Total EXPENSES	\$1,109,204

CASH BALANCE, June 30,1996 \$ 155,666

3-Year Comparative Budget Detail STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS & EXPENDITURES

Purpose	95-96 Budget	96-97 Proposed	97-98 Proposed
Reg. Tuition	987856	1065822	1079429
Special Ed. Aide	12655	7360 1500	7581 0
Salary/Summer Staff Spec. Ed. Services	0 5000	21000	20000
Spec. Ed. PEP	11842	22231	30000
Spec.Ed.Out of Dist.	79000	87949	65717
Tuition/Summer Sp. Ed. Truant Officer	0 15	2500 15	4000
Health	183	100	100
SLC Services	0	800	0
School Board	1045	1045	1045
Treasurer Moderator	500 45	500 45	500 45
Clerk	50	50	50
Elections	100	100	150
Auditors	110	120	120
Attorney Liab. Insurance	5000 1000	5000 600	1000 1000
Advertising	100	200	1000
Officer Expense	200	100	100
Board Dues/Fees	0	50	50
Board Wkshp./Conf. SAU Apportionment	0 28400	25 29194	28400
Postage	36	36	36
Supplies	50	50	0
Ballpark Repairs	1050	250	500
Ballpark Util./Maint. Bus Driver Salaries	0 18917	500 19192	1500 19768
Bus Repairs	20000	21700	18150
Sp. Ed. Transp.	12000	10000	9000
Bus Insurance	3500	5000	3500
Fuel FuelTank	4500 5000	4500	4500
Equip.\FuelTank Bus Equipment	100	0 500	500
Equip.\SE Van.Art.5	15000	0	0
Bus Repl. (Art. 4)	0	0	0
Driver Certification	250	250	500
Health Insurance Workmens Comp.	5000 600	1500 350	1500 350
FICA	2415	2000	2000
Medicare(Emp. Share)	458	400	500
Unemployment Insurance	1000	300	300
Cap. ResBus. Art. 6	5000 1227977	0 1312834	0 1301991
	1221011	1012007	1001001

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

Municipal Services Division Concord, NH 03302-1122 1995 Tax Rate Calculation

Town/City of: MIDDLETON				Tax Rates	
Appropriations Less: Revenues Less: Shared Revenues Add: Overlay War Service Credits Net Town Appropriation Special Adjustment Approved Town/City Tax Effort Municipal Tax Rate - Sct	688,037 392,171 4,435 9,856 13,100	314,387 0	314,387	4.42	
Due to Local School Due to Regional School Less: Shared Revenues	986,933 0 18,765				
Net School Appropriation Special Adjustment		968,168 0			
Approved School(s) Tax Effort School(s) Tax Rate	unty Portion		968,168	13.60	
Due to County Less: Shared Revenues Net County Appropriation Special Adjustment Approved County Tax Effort County Tax Rate	131,261 1,854	129,407 0	129,407	1.82	
Combined Tax Rate				19.84	
Total Property Taxes Assessed			1,411,962		
- Commitment Analysis -					
Total Property Taxes Assessed Less: War Service Credits Add: Village District Commitment(s	s)		1,411,962 (13,100) 14,045		
Total Property Tax Commitment			1,412,907		
- Pr Net Assessed Valuation 71,167,453	roof of Rate - Tax Rate 19.84			ssment 411,962	
1996 Bond Requirement					

Treasurer:

Town Clerk:

59,000 Tax Collector: 12,000 Trustee of Trust Funds:

57,000 10,000

MIDDLETON STUDENTS 1996-97

GRADE	# OF STUDENTS
PEP	8
READINESS	2
GRADE 1	24
GRADE 2	28
GRADE 3	16
GRADE 4	27
GRADE 5	18
GRADE 6	20
GRADE 7	25
GRADE 8	24
GRADE 9	26
GRADE 10	19
GRADE 11	20
GRADE 12	11
TOTAL	268

SAU #61 APPROVED BUDGET 1997-98

Accou	nt#	Description	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
2310	1100 1114 3800 5220 5400 5800 8700	OARD EXPENSE Salaries Sec. Treas. Attorney Insurance Advertise/Notice Travel Miscellaneous	0 200 500 50 100 0 100 950	0 200 250 50 100 0 400 1000	0 200 750 50 100 0 250 1350
2320	1100 1100 1101 1105 1106 1108 1109 1110	Salaries Superintendent Asst. Superintendent Sec./Receptionist Spec. Ed. Secretary Bkprs. Salary (10%) Custodian Salary (5%) Salary Adjustment	58000 54850 20592 12467 3700 1102 1644 152355	58000 54850 20592 12467 3543 1102 3000 153554	59200 56050 21216 12857 3654 1177 0 154154
2520	Suppli 2520 S	es SUBTOTAL	1948 1948	2448 2448	2600 2600
2530		uter Support SUBTOTAL	3565 3565	5815 5815	4500 4500
2540		g Utilities SUBTOTAL	20225 20225	20730 20730	21904 21904
2900		yee Benefits SUBTOTAL	36931 36931	36453 36453	44155 44155
TOTA	LS		215973	220000	228663

DISTRIBUTION OF AMOUNT TO BE SHARED BY DISTRICTS

DISTRICT	1995 EQUALIZED VALUATION	VALUATION PERCENTAGE	1996-97 PUPILS	PUPIL PERCENT	COMBINED PERCENT	DISTRICT
FARMINGTON MIDDLETON TOTALS	157,744,547 52,112,666 209,857,213	75.17 24.83 100	1439 0 1439	100 0 100	175.17 24.83 200	87.58 12.42 100
TOTAL SAU 1	997-98 APPR	OVED BUD	GET		\$2	28,663
FARMINGTON MIDDLETON'S		87.58 12.42				00,263 28,400

SAU ADMINISTRATION SALARY DISTRIBUTION

	Annual Salary	Paid by Farmington	Paid by Middleton	Paid by State
Superintendent Assistant	\$ 59,200	\$51,847	\$7,353	0
Superintendent	\$ 56,050	\$49,089	\$6,961	0

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

I am pleased to submit my third annual report as Superintendent of Schools for School Administrative Unit #61. This past year was one of change for the Farmington and Middleton School Districts. The districts are, indeed, fortunate to have dedicated professionals willing to work together to promote student achievement and excellence in our schools.

The new Farmington High School has been completed and is now in full operation. The Farmington School Board, Tom Rozwadowski (Clerk-of-the Works), Mike Lee, Harvey Construction Corporation and Lavallee/Brensinger Professional Association are to be commended for working closely together to provide a building which can be a source of pride for the community.

The opening of the new high school produced a domino effect elsewhere. The Main Street School has been closed and the seventh and eighth grades have moved to the old high school, now known as the Henry Wilson Memorial School. The organization has been changed to include the sixth grade with the seventh and eighth in a 6-8 configuration administered by Clayton "Butch" Lewis. These students now have a space for art, music and physical education classes which were not available previously.

Moving the sixth grade classes from the Memorial Drive School opened space for the pre-school program to move from the School Street School. That building is also no longer used as classroom space by the district. In addition, the Memorial Drive School also gained space for art and music classes.

In all, approximately 80% of the teaching staff had to be physically relocated during the summer of 1996. This was a monumental task and was done smoothly with the cooperation of the teaching staff, the custodians and volunteers. All are to be commended for their efforts.

During the last school year a District Educational Improvement Plan (DEIP) Committee was established and met regularly to develop a district mission statement, belief statements and goals for the district for the next five years. Bill Lander, MDS Principal, served as facilitator for that group. The results of the committee's work has been presented to the Farmington School Board for discussion and action. Once the Board has acted on the committee's recommendations, several new committees will be established to discuss ways of implementing the goals. We hope you will volunteer to be a part of this process.

I hope that you will take the time to visit our schools on a regular basis and that you will find some time to become involved . If you have not done so, please make an effort to visit the new high school.

Respectfully submitted, E. Richard Hoke Superintendent of Schools

MEMORIAL DRIVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Over the past eight years, it has been an ongoing pleasure to provide the educational leadership for the staff and students at the Memorial Drive School. During this time, it has been rewarding to observe the growth and refinement in our programs and fulfilling to watch the successes of our students.

Fine tuning our programs has been our focus during the past years, particularly in the area of language. We have been busy making sure that what we teach, in all areas, is meaningful for the students. Additionally, we are striving to be sure that our programs are as consistent as possible with the course of study outlined in the "Curriculum Frameworks" passed down from the State Department of Education.

The improving development of teaching language arts is an ongoing goal for us at the elementary school. We are continually assessing how and what we provide in our reading and writing programs to assure that we are meeting our youngsters' needs in a challenging manner. This year we have been fortunate to highlight our focus in the areas of guided reading, phonics development and the integration of reading instruction in the content areas. To assist us in this venture, we have gained the expertise of professionals at UNH to provide a series of training sessions for our staff. This, we hope, will result in even better instruction for the youngsters of our community.

This past year has been rich in extra curricular areas. The Artist in Residence program and Music in our Schools have been an integral part of our lives. Through the leadership; of Mrs. Lynn Decker and Mrs. Susan Bailey, we have had the opportunity of experiencing various forms of music as well as a phenomenal school wide artist program this past fall which included artists in the fields of pottery, basket weaving, music, tapestry and visual arts. The enthusiasm built in this week long experience was awesome. Additionally, we have been fortunate to have students participate in Odyssey of the Mind competition, grade five youngsters attend Nature's Classroom program, ski programs for six weeks for students in grades 3-6 and a wonderful choral and instrumental program.

This past year, we experienced the lowest teacher turnover rate in my seven year tenure. Only two teachers left the school system. This has allowed for continuity and consistency in our programs. To reduce the classroom sizes at the grade five level, we were fortunate to acquire a

new position. Joining our teaching staff this year were Ann Welch and Erica Murphy in the special education department and Christine Fowler as a classroom teacher.

I'm pleased to say that the relationship we have with the parents and community continues to grow. Our relationship with the PTA is appreciated and is ongoing. Through their guidance, we rekindled a powerful volunteer program. The support of the volunteers has provided much needed assistance in many areas, and their efforts need to be acknowledged. Additionally, we have had an ongoing positive relationship with other town departments such as the recreation department, the police department and the library which have complemented our efforts.

Successes at the Memorial Drive School are many. Some are obvious, such as the improvement in our grade three assessment scores. Many are more subtle such as the growing "community" which we are experiencing among the students. Regardless, we need to be cautious not to be satisfied with what we have done. We need to constantly assess what has taken place so that we can make adjustments to strive for a school with the highest expectations possible; blending a knowledge of information with a means to use it, within a school of mutual respect and community.

I wish to thank the communities of Farmington and Middleton for allowing me to provide a quality educational program for their children. I want to thank the Farmington and Middleton School Boards, Mr. Hoke and Mr. Henderson for their ongoing support. And finally, I want to recognize the office staff, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Parshley, Mrs. Lalkas, and my colleague, Mr. Gadomski for keeping my head above water. In closing, I would like to think the education at the Memorial Drive School is a journey which is ongoing, exciting and always evolving,

Respectfully submitted,

William Lander Principal

HENRY WILSON MEMORIAL SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It is with great pleasure to report that the move from Main Street School to Henry Wilson Memorial School has been a great challenge, but one that has been very rewarding.

This past year H.W.M.S. had several new additions to its staff. Mrs. Anna Williams has joined us as our new school counselor. Ms. Kate Zitzner and Ms. Laura Dumais teach literature and English in the eighth grade. Mr. Kurt Krebs teaches seventh grade language arts and Ms. Lucinda Grondin teaches seventh grade science. The following teachers have come to H.W.M.S. by way of Memorial Drive School, Mrs. Jeannette Wims, Mrs. Cheryl Peabody, Ms. Roxane Weymouth and Ms. Kerry McGrath. Ms. Carol Tonken is the new special education teacher and Ms. Nancy Sewell has made a change from regular education to special education. Mrs. Sharon Evans, Mrs. Debbie VanGelder, Mrs. Peggy Libby and Mrs. Ruby Pond have also joined us as paraprofessionals in special education.

By making this move it is amazing to see the attitudes of both students and staff change for the better. The little things we take for granted, such as eating in a cafeteria or playing in a gymnasium, have so many positive opportunities that the overall school climate has improved tremendously.

One of the major concems that parents had was how would sixth graders fit into the new H.W.M.S. As of this report, I would have to say they have taken on that added responsibility well and the rest of the student body and staff have accepted them as if they always belonged to this school.

The staff is a very dedicated staff that works hard to meet the needs of our students, but there is still a ways to go to prepare our youth for the 21st century. We still need to improve our curriculum as we close in on the year 2000. By implementing new programs such as consumer education, home economics, and industrial arts we will continue to strive to meet the needs of our youth to prepare them for the future.

In closing, I would like to thank the students and staff for all their cooperation in the first year at H.W.M.S. The efforts and support of the community, school board and administration is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted,

Clayton Lewis

FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I am proud to submit the annual report as principal of Farmington High School.

In last year's report I identified four goals that would be the focus for improvement. I am pleased to report that with support from students and staff, we have made some major gains. The transition to Thaver Drive went guite smoothly. Students and staff cooperatively worked together packing and moving the school last June. By summer's end, new furniture, equipment, and supplies were in place to accept students through its doors. Students have been responsible in demonstrating respect and a spirited enthusiasm for their school. The impact on school climate has generated pride as students see that their school is a positive and safe place to be. We have developed plans to address the rapid growth in technology. Aside from equipping our computer labs with state of the art computers for personal and classroom use, new course offerings were added to the curriculum. The ever popular computer repair course immediately filled to capacity. This allows students a practical hands-on approach to repair and preventative maintenance. Currently, we are analyzing the results of the state assessment test administered last spring to all sophomores. This information will provide us a framework to adjust curriculum and improve teaching strategies in delivering sound educational programs to the students at Farmington High School, Much progress was made in reorganizing operations and procedures. An operations manual was initiated, and staff and student handbooks were revised

In preparing for the future, Farmington High School will continue to grow in numbers. We opened the doors to slightly over 400 students in August. Merely through attrition, we will grow to nearly 450 students next year. Class size numbers will be large because of personnel constraints but with some careful planning, programs should stay within the state minimum approved standards.

As in the past there was little turnover in the teaching staff. We continue to benefit from stability. This year we welcome two new faculty members, Mrs. Elisabeth Ridgley and Mr. Eric Matatics. They are both members of the English department and bring high expectations and challenging programs.

In closing, I recognize a dedicated professional staff that provides leadership and sound instruction to the students at Farmington High School. I wish to thank the Farmington School Board for their continued support, Richard Hoke, Superintendent of Schools and Jack Henderson, Assistant Superintendent for their guidance during the transition of facilities. Finally, I'd be remiss not to include the parents and the townfolks who make up the rest of the educational team at Farmington High School.

Respectfully submitted, Michael Lee Principal

FARMINGTON/MIDDLETON

TITLE I REPORT FOR 1996

The Title I Program, previously known as Chapter I, has had an exceptionally successful 1995-96 school year. Twenty percent of our total number of identified students were determined to be no longer in need of Title I support. Title I testing and classroom teacher feedback indicated that these students were functioning on or above grade level in reading. This success is a result of decisive, positive instructional decisions and a dedicated, knowledgeable staff.

Title I works closely with classroom teachers so that supportive help in reading and writing is aligned with classroom goals and instruction. We also focus our greatest efforts towards the early primary grades in an attempt to reduce serious reading problems in the upper grades. The Title I staff attends conferences and workshops to continually be informed of updated methods, techniques and materials to increase and enhance our students' reading abilities.

This year Jeannie Ferguson, a Title I reading specialist, began training in the reading recovery program. It is an early intervention program for first grade children that has demonstrated significant positive results across the country based on many years of careful research. The program features daily individual instruction in reading and writing strategies and is designed to foster and support acceleration of learning. Miss Ferguson has shown extreme dedication and perseverance in her training and has been providing workshops at school to share her expertise with the MDES staff.

Title I has been active in the development of the District Educational Improvement Plan during this past year. All federal programs, now falling under a consolidated grant application, have been coordinating efforts towards meeting the goals of high academic standards and excellence in education.

I would like to extend a note of appreciation to our administrative leaders, all faculty members, parents and community members for support of the Title I program and their continued efforts in improving education for all the students of Farmington and Middleton.

Respectfully submitted.

Carole A. Albert Title I Project Manager

MEMORIAL DRIVE SCHOOL

GUIDANCE REPORT

The Memorial Drive Guidance and Counseling Department is an active, integral part of the education process. The counseling program has many components, including individual and small group counseling, regular classroom presentations, standardized test administration, support services for teachers and parents, and cooperative programs with the Henry Wilson Memorial School.

Counselors are available to meet with students to discuss problems they may be having in school or with the following issues: difficulties associated with family moves, changes in family make-up, peer relations, divorce and parental unemployment.

A major goal of the guidance staff is to make guidance available to all students. As participating members of the New Hampshire Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling Program, the counselors at Memorial Drive School work with the regular classroom teacher as a team to integrate guidance material into the regular curriculum, by presenting classroom instruction to all classes for a half year time frame.

In the classroom the guidance counselors work on building student's self esteem and confidence. They also work to help students identify feelings, and resolve conflicts. Discussions, films and special activities addressing these issues are conducted in all classes. Follow-up and small groups are available as needed.

Through the Project Alternatives Grant, approximately 25 students from third, fourth, fifth grades and staff members are trained in conflict mediation. Peer mediation is an ongoing program at Memorial Drive School and has been very successful. It not only provides students with positive role models, it teaches them the skills needed to avoid or solve their own conflicts peacefully. This process is continued sixth through eighth grade by promotion of trained students.

Peer tutoring and Big Brothers/Sisters are very successful cooperative programs with the Henry Wilson Memorial School, grades six through eight. These programs foster invaluable bonds between teenagers and younger children readiness to 3rd grade in the Farmington elementary schools.

The California Achievement Tests are coordinated and administered in the spring by the counseling staff. Test results are interpreted and provided to teachers for the purpose of supplementing their academic programs.

The counselors involve themselves in any number of school committees that address the issues of school climate, teacher support, faculty relations and special education. The visibility and availability of the counseling staff is an ongoing asset to the school and the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Krebs Barbara Ripley Memorial Drive Counselors

HENRY WILSON MEMORIAL SCHOOL

GUIDANCE REPORT

This year is already proving to be a challenging one. Being new to the Farmington system there is much to learn. My first goal this year is to learn the names of each student in grades 6 through 8. I am also in the process of evaluating the counselor's role at this level, and assessing what is working, as well as what could be changed so as to most effectively meet the needs of students at this level.

I have already developed and shared with staff a "School Counseling Handbook" in which I have outlined my philosophy of school counseling program goals and program areas which I address. A counseling program should be comprehensive, developmental, and available to all students. Consultation, coordination, and direct services are all integral components of a successful counseling program. The counselor seeks to develop relationships with parents and staff based on mutual respect for their roles in the development of the student. The counselor seeks and uses parents' and staffs knowledge and expertise in planning and conducting related services for students.

In October, students participated in Red Ribbon Week, a week of activities designed to promote a healthy, drug free lifestyle. In guidance classes, I presented some real life situations to illustrate the danger not only of street drugs and alcohol, but that of prescription drugs. The need of students to become advocates for their own health was emphasized.

We have begun a Big Brother/Big Sister Program. There are currently 25 eighth grade students matched with students ranging from Readiness to Grade 5. The students meet on a weekly basis and are involved in a variety of structured activities.

From September through December, I have had the assistance of two UNH interns - Sara Vogel has worked 1 1/2 days per week, and Seth Pfaefflin has worked 2 days per week. Seth will continue to work 1 day per week from January through May.

Fourteen of our students have been involved in the Educational Talent Search Program which is conducted by Kathleen Costello from UNH. They meet on a weekly basis and are involved in various structured activities.

In the spring, all eighth grade students will have the opportunity to visit Rochester Vocational Center as well as a college campus. The goal is to expose students to future educational and career opportunities.

Monthly meetings of district school counselors and the school psychologist are held to provide a forum for sharing ideas, concerns, and professional issues. This also provides an opportunity to coordinate programs and activities in our schools.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Williams
Guidance Counselor

FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

GUIDANCE REPORT

I hereby submit my third report as the Guidance Director of Farmington High School.

The Farmington High School graduating class of 1996 was a class of 69 students, compared to 62 students in 1995. Forty-one percent of the class of 1996 were accepted to post-secondary institutions with twenty-eight percent accepted to four year institutions and nine percent accepted to one or two year schools. Twelve percent of the class enlisted in the armed forces.

The high school students experienced a lot of standardized testing during the year. On March 22, 1996, five seniors, thirteen juniors, and twenty sophomores took the Armed Forces Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB), which is used by the armed services as a military qualification test and enables students to identify strengths, weaknesses, and fields of interest. Two students planned on military careers, two planned on attending two year colleges, eighteen planned on attending four year colleges, and sixteen were undecided or planning to work directly following high school. During the week of April 1-5, the California Achievement Tests (CAT) were administered to all grade levels at Farmington High School, Farmington High School, as a whole, scored slightly above the national average. The class of 1998 had the highest scores with the class of 1997 slightly lower. From May 6-May 17, Farmington High School administered the state assessment test to all sophomores. Scores have not yet been reported by the state. Twentyfour students took the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) during the spring of 1996, with the average math score 482 and the average verbal score 501. On October 19, 1996, twenty-nine juniors took the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT). Scores have not yet been received from the College Board.

Enrollment for the 1996-97 school year was 408 at the beginning of the school year. Since then, fourteen students have transferred into FHS, thirteen have transferred to other schools, eleven have dropped out, and six did not enter on the first day of school. Currently, we have fifty-nine seniors, ninety-six juniors, one hundred eleven sophomores, and one hundred twenty-six freshman (a total of 392 including home-schooled students and students who are placed outside of the district). It is expected that the class of 2001 will be about 140, therefore, the high school is getting larger every year. Our classes are very full with thirty students in most of the social studies classes, full French and art classes of twenty-five students, and other averages slightly lower. We have eight

teachers who are teaching an extra section this year and two teachers who teach seven periods per day to meet the growing demands. We currently serve thirty-nine students with disabilities through our special education programs.

Farmington High School has fifty-three students enrolled in the Tri-City Vocational programs, twenty-six at Spaulding HS, ten at Somersworth HS, and seventeen at Dover HS which represents thirty-four percent of the junior and senior classes.

The Guidance Office continues to meet a variety of student needs. Fifty four juniors and seniors attended the annual College Fair at UNH in October which allowed the students to explore a number of post-secondary schools. Each senior has met with me individually to discuss their plans following graduation. The college application process has begun and many college representatives were able to meet with seniors this fall. Also, we sponsored a Financial Aid Night on January 4, 1996 in which thirty-seven people attended and again on January 7, 1997 with speaker Betsy Oarley from the University of New Hampshire.

The Talent Search program currently serves twenty-one students in making plans for post-secondary education. The Upward Bound program serves seven students through programs outside of school as well as inschool sessions to plan out long-term goals. In addition, this year, we have begun to develop a School-to-Work program for Farmington High School students. Project Alternatives, sponsored by the Safe and Drug Free Schools grant, continues to be an active group. We have newly trained peer mediators and a hard working group of peer leaders.

The new Guidance Office has provided a testing room along with a reception area for parents and students to wait. We completed the entire scheduling process by computer for the first time ever. This process allowed more equitable placement in required classes as well as in the electives they selected. It also enabled us to provide more accurate information to teachers. We have also improved the quality of our transcripts through the use of the networking software. As our numbers grow and our technology increases the guidance department will continue to promote challenge and excitement in learning at Farmington High School.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy E. Newcomb Guidance Director

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSES

1995-96

The 1995-96 school year was a consistently busy and productive one in the nurses' office. The year began with 118 students between the readiness and first grade classes. In addition, we had 120 students transfer into our school throughout the year.

Health assessments and evaluations were being done on a yearly basis for grades one through six. These include height, weight, hair checks and teeth are examined for caries. Hearing and vision evaluations are also done. Students in grades five and six were screened for scoliosis as well. Appropriate referrals were then made, whenever necessary.

All students who participated in any school sponsored, organized sports program were required by policy, to submit up-dated sports questionnaires and physical forms to the nurses before try-outs. We encourage all parents, coaches, and students to report any changes in the health of any athlete, which may affect their safe participation in sports.

All health records, including immunizations, were recorded and audited on an on-going basis to insure compliance with state requirements and regulations. Physicals are no longer done at the school. When your child has a physical, please provide a copy of this to the school nurse.

We encourage all parents to call the nurses' office to report any changes in the health status of their child. This could include any communicable diseases or childhood illnesses, broken bones, surgeries, immunization updates, or any chronic condition that may affect our child.

First grade screening was held, as usual in May, for the preschoolers expecting to enter our school system in the following September. At that time, each child was weighed, measured, and had vision and hearing evaluations. This early screening program is able to detect many problems, which can be corrected before the child enters into the first grade.

The nurses' office stays continuously busy throughout the day. Sometimes as many as 100 students pass through our doors daily. We see students for a number of reasons including, basic first aid, splinters, time-outs, headchecks, wet clothes, jackets, boots, safety pins, fixing eye glasses, gum in the hair, messages to parents, dietary counseling, hygiene counseling, fixing casts, fevers, colds, chapped lips, loose teeth, sore throats, headaches, sore feet, blisters, stomach aches, hangnails, chicken pox, poison ivy, rashes, conjunctivitis, wound dressing changes,

earaches, toothaches, bee stings, diaper changes, medication administration, psychiatric disorders, and occasionally pregnancy discussions.

We also try to keep the staff abreast of any new information that would help them in their class rooms, regarding colds, flu, communicable diseases, drug awareness, and changes in family dynamics that may be affecting one of their students.

We confer with the guidance departments on an ongoing basis to keep them informed about changes in the student population. We work as a team for the benefit of the students.

We continue to strive towards keeping healthy bodies and healthy minds. We are involved in health education on an ongoing daily basis, either as a resource person or as a teacher in an informal classroom. We are covering such subjects as dental health, nutrition, growth and development, personal hygiene, consistently attend classes to keep abreast of the current issues facing the youth of today. We encourage open discussions with our students regarding these issues so as to maintain that accurate information is available at all times. We are always trying to maintain a healthy, caring, and nurturing environment for all of our students; regardless of age.

At this time we would like to thank everyone who continues to support us by helping us to obtain medical, financial and personal assistance for some of our own community members.

STATISTICAL REPORT:

FIRST AID & ILLNESS	14.710
PARENT CONTACTS	
VISION TESTS	
HEARING TESTS	
MEDICATIONS ADMINISTERED	
FIRST GRADE SCREENINGS	
SCOLIOSIS SCREENINGS	
HEAD/HAIR INSPECTIONS	
HEAD/HAIR INSPECTIONS	103

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Olden, RN Mary Lou Monnat, RN Barbara Moriarty, RN

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

1997

During the last year, we welcomed new School Board Member, Julie Reynolds.

Business has been quiet this past year. We did discuss park issues and hope to put more time and money into the park for Middleton residents. This will be done in partnership with the Town.

We had a change in bus drivers at the New Year point, we said goodbye to Diana Roberts and welcome to Chester Thibedau, a former Middleton resident. Good luck to both from the School Board. We would like to thank Shirley Diprizio, and Audrey Vachon, for their continued service as bus drivers. In the event anyone is interested in becoming a substitute or back-up driver, please contact either Shirley or any School Board member. Also thanks to Sue McLendon for her dedicated service as School Board Member.

I hope the Board continues, in the upcoming year, to work hard on bus policies and working with the SAU to enforce these policies.

Thanks to all past and present School Board Members, and SAU personnel for their help in my nine years on the School Board. I hope all new members continue to hold the budget down in spite of the loss of State Funding and keep the bus fleet up to date in the upcoming years. Thanks for a great nine years,

Respectfully submitted, Timothy C. Sinclair School Board Chairperson

1996 MIDDLETON GRADUATES

Kelly Brown Alyssa Jane Bull Patrick Paul Buzzell Benjamin V. Carignan Nathaniel Hios Robyn Lee Kelley Jennifer Paradis Holly B. Peckham Stephen Michael Randall Jessica Ann Sargent Mary Katherine Trudeau

TOWN OF MIDDLETON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

POLICE, FIRE, AMBULANCE EMERGENCY	E-911
POLICE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS PHONE	473-8548
FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICE BUSINESS PHONE	473-2750
HIGHWAY BUILDING	473-8390
BUILDING INSPECTOR	473-2317
PLANNING BOARD	473-2261
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT	473-2261
HEALTH OFFICER	473-2261
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER (EMERGENCY)	
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE	
TOWN CLERK	473-2576
TAX COLLECTOR	473-2134
TOWN OFFICE FAX	

OFFICE HOURS

SELECTMEN SECRETARY-BOOKKEEPER
MONDAY 10AM TO 6:00PM
TUESDAY - THURSDAY 8:30AM TO 4:30PM

TOWN CLERK OR TAX COLLECTOR
MONDAY 2:00PM - 7:00PM
TUESDAY & THURSDAY 9:00AM - 3:00PM,
WEDNESDAY 9:00AM - 12:00 NOON

MEETINGS

SELECTMENS MEETING
MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 6:00PM

SELECTMEN & DEPARTMENT MEETING
3RD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7:00PM

PLANNING BOARD MEETS
2ND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7:00PM

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETS AS NEEDED

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEETS AS NEEDED